

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been amended herewith, and no claims have been canceled or added. The changes to Claims 1 and 3-5 are believed to be supported by the originally filed specification, and do not introduce any new matter. Support for the changes can be found in Figures 14 and 15 and their corresponding disclosure in the specification.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of the interview granted to Applicants' attorney on October 7, 2004 at which time the outstanding issues in this case were discussed. During the interview, the examiner indicated that he believed he would more favorably consider the application with the above changes to the claims. The Examiner indicated that the proposed claim changes appear to distinguish over the art of record, but no formal agreement was reached pending the Examiner's detailed consideration of the application upon formal submission of a supplemental response to the outstanding Official Action.

Furthermore, for the reasons set forth in the previously filed response, Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the cited references, both individually and in combination. Moreover, the references do not teach the newly added limitation of "said network status including real-time information and summary data such that the summary data is only sent when the real-time information does not consume the predetermined allocation of bandwidth."

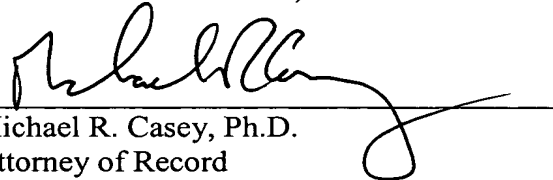
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Consequently, the pending claims are enabled, definite and patentable over the cited references. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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